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Attorney Docket No.:S01022.80385.US

**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
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(Only for Continuation applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) ☐ **DUPLICATE**

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	Confirmation No.	8061
	First Named Inventor	Antonio TORRES et al.
	Express Mail Label No.	EL844538268US
	Date of Deposit/Faxing	January 21, 2003

This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/497,916, filed on February 4, 2000, entitled: **AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT INCLUDING PROTECTION AGAINST POLARITY INVERSION OF THE SUBSTRATE POTENTIAL.**

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. ☐ PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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6. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired. ***NOTE: Checking this box will not establish small-entity status if you pay the large-entity fee. If you check this box, be sure to pay the small-entity fee.**
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

7. Payment:

a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$860.00 is enclosed to cover the fees for filing a CPA and a Petition for One Month Extension of Time.

b. ☐ No fee is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the filing fees to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

8. ☒ A return receipt postcard is enclosed. (Should be specifically itemized. See MPEP 503.)

9. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of _____ months(not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.

10. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired: _____

(Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carry over to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.)

General Authorization to Charge Deposit Account and General Request for Extension of Time


11. a. ☒ If the filing of any paper in this application necessitates the payment of a fee under 37 CFR §§ ☒ 1.16 ☒ 1.17 or ☐ 1.18, and the fee due is in an amount different from any enclosed check or if no check is enclosed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

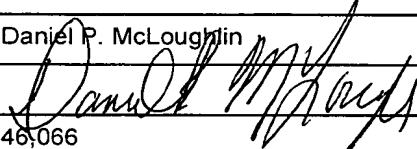
b. ☐ The applicant hereby revokes any prior authorization to charge a fee due under 37 CFR §§ ☐ 1.16, ☐ 1.17, or ☐ 1.18.

12. If the timely filing of this CPA request or any other paper in this application necessitates an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a), the applicant hereby requests such extension of time. If the fee due is in an amount different from any enclosed check or if no check is enclosed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

13. ☒ Other: Petition for One Month Extension of Time.

NOTE: *The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below.*

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15. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED	
NAME	Daniel P. McLoughlin
SIGNATURE	
REGISTRATION NO.	46,066
DATE	January 21, 2003